

# VISIONS' VOICE

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## Who are Job Coaches?

*An interview of Current Job Coach, Gina Tucker*

by Yvonne Fowler, Career Development Specialist

**Yvonne:** How long have you been employed with Visions Employment?

**Gina:** I have worked with Visions since June 2016.

**Yvonne:** How did you become aware of the role?

**Gina:** I found it on the Service Canada Job Site.

**Yvonne:** What do you enjoy most about your current position?

**Gina:** My current position is helping Mark at the Summit Center/Reid Community Center. The best thing I like about this job is that our co-workers are friendly & understanding, making it a great place to work.

**Yvonne:** If you had to describe your position to someone what would you tell them?

**Gina:** Being a Recreational Worker requires you to welcome patrons to the Center, change garbages, keep the lobby area, rental rooms & kitchen clean & tidy. We also set up & dismantle chairs & tables for events. I assist with the duties & also ensure Mark is doing the very best in any task required in a safe manner. These positions can be part-time or full-time & depending on the employer & client they hopefully become permanent for the client without a Job Coach. When our clients succeed in their job we all succeed in ours!

**Yvonne:** Would you recommend this position to someone else?

**Gina:** I would recommend this job to anyone who has good organization skills, wants to be helpful, and is innovative.

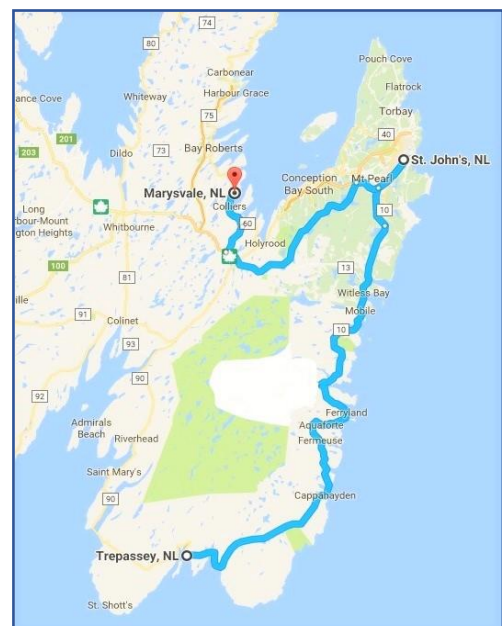
**Yvonne:** Is there anything else you would like to add?

**Gina:** I am very honoured to speak about Job Coaches. A thought for the day... Why wouldn't you help yourself to help a stranger - you can become friends.



Job Coach Gina Tucker with client Mark Barnes

## Our Service Area



### Client Close-up

by Leslie Richards, Career Development Specialist

#### With Kim Redmond

Kim works as a Lobby Cleaner at McDonald's, Kelsey Drive. We asked her to talk about what her job means to her.

**Leslie:** *How long have you worked at your current job?*

**Kim:** I started in February of 2012.

**Leslie:** *What is your favorite part about your job?*

**Kim:** I guess I would have to say when I get to go on Crew Outings. I just like the people I work with.

**Leslie:** *How has your life changed since you started working?*

**Kim:** I feel more independent and I think I have lots of responsibility now.



*Kim Redmond*

**Leslie:** *Why is working important to you?*

**Kim:** I like to make money to buy the things I need, and it helps me be more independent.

**Leslie:** *How does your Job Coach help you?*

**Kim:** A Job Coach helps me so I don't get too overwhelmed when we get busy, plus it's someone to talk to while I work.

### E. James Manuel Client Recognition Award

Visions Employment would like to acknowledge Darren Wells on being the recipient of the E. James Manuel Client Recognition Award. The Award was presented at this year's Annual Christmas Appreciation Breakfast in memory of dedicated and long term Board Member Jim Manuel, who passed away in December 2013.

The Award criteria is based on attributes that Jim himself had possessed and exhibited. This includes having a high level of energy and commitment to the job, striving for success, and interacting well with and being respectful of co-workers and customers. Darren has shown all of these throughout his five years as an employee with McDonalds on Merchant Drive, Mount Pearl. Congratulations, Darren!



*From L-R: Donna Baldwin (Job Coach), Leslie Richards (CDS), Darren Wells, and the Manuel family (Linda, Scott and Blair)*



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### Christmas Breakfast

Visions Employment Plus Inc. held our Christmas Breakfast Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank You to everyone who attended to help us celebrate Christmas and to allow us to say Thank You to everyone who supports us. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year!!

Interested in volunteering on our Board of Directors? We are currently looking for new members, as well as a Consumer Client Representative. Contact us, or visit our website to download an Application!

Interested in becoming a Job Coach? Contact us for more information or submit a resumé!



### Congratulations!

Visions Employment Plus Inc. supports and is very proud of Mark Peddle for being selected to Co-Host the Special Olympics Canada's Awards Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Mark joined TSN Sportscaster Vic Rauter while Special Olympics recognized athletes, coaches, and volunteers who participated in Special Olympics throughout the year.

"I am very honoured to have this opportunity to represent Special Olympics Athletes from across Canada. I look forward to giving the awards ceremony a Newfoundland flair," said Special Olympics Newfoundland athlete Mark Peddle when asked about the opportunity.

Great Job Mark!



Mark Peddle



*Merry Christmas*  
& HAPPY NEW YEAR

*From Visions Employment Plus Inc.*



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